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The House of Reed.

"Upon what meat doth this, our Caesar, feed, that he bath grown so great?" The answer is that it is principally upon rules, a diet of such strengthening power that it has enabled the Speaker of the House of Representatives to seize, masticate, swallow and assimilate the remininder of that body, until it is a House of one, and that one is Thomas Brackett Reed.

"The rules, therefore, have abrogated the Constitution." Thus wrote the same statesman, in the Century Magazine, of March, 1889, when he was not ruler but one of the ruled. Again be remarked: "The blocking of the public business by a set of rules, which can be wielded by two or three men, has aroused and inperested the country; for the rights of all are immediately concerned."

Perhaps Mr. Roed is not aware that the same country is aroused and interested because it now sees the public business completely idealed by a set of rules, which, it is evident, can be and are wielded by a single man, and that man the very one who eight years ago raised a howl of horror at the coormity of such

By what right has Thomas Brackett Reed assumed to extinguish the House of Representatives and replace it with another Institution not contemplated in the Constitution of the United States, namely, the Speaker? We may also ask by what canonizing process has the membership of the House lost its political virility and its sense of representative dignity that it should stand the indiguity and the dictator.

Business interests of the country at targe are demanding immediate attention. to public measures of logh importance. Hundreds of constituencies are clamoring for their Congressmen to introduce and advocate bills of vital local moment Nothing can be done. Bloated and bullyting autoency has locked and tolted the door of legislation, and padlocked the months of legislators. There is no longer a House of Representatives; there is only a Senate and Thomas Brackett Reed in Congress assembled. For any efficient purpose of influence in legislation there no longer is a national administration. Nonmally, we have a President, a Cabinet, a Senate and some courts; but overshadowing, neutralizing, stufffying, humiliating and vetoing them all we have one manthe Speaker of the House of Representa-

A Senate on His Hands,

President McKinley is to be congratulated in that he has the Senate 'on his hands' sicular time. We say this aside from present thought about the tariff bill. There are other grave national and international matters demanding consideration and action, and, judging from appearances, they are to have both before the end of

One of these matters is the arbitration treaty, which still occupies the stage, although no longer an attraction. Senator Morgan has spent several fruitful and blessed soundles in viviscoting this strange creature, of a kind seldom, if ever, before seen in the United States. In the course of the treatment its whole countenance has been altered, and entirely new and hormics insides inserted. Mr. Olney would fall to recognize it if he were to meet it walking down the Avenue

The longer the unclean thing remains in evidence, the less it is liked. That stundy and unswerving bulwark of the Administration, Senator Chandler, declines to vote for it on any day when England Is firing on the Christians in Crete Other Benators take much the same happy view of the trappy scheme, and if many of them should adopt Senator Chandler's extreme attitude life is too short to include action upon it; because it is a very cold day when Great Britain is not firing guns upon helpless people in some part of the world.

Seriously spenking the prospect is that a vote will not be reached for about a week. When the time comes the only question will be, whether American contempt for this miserable, and, as to its native end, treasonable trick can best be expressed in absolute rejection, or in ratification of the instrument in the form in which it will appear when the vivisection is com-

Our School System.

Investigation of the school system in this city reveals a serious defect. The schools are good, as far as they go, but they do not go far enough. In some of the districts there is not desk room for more than half the children of school age, and so one division comes in the morning and another in the afternoon, each getting half a day's schooling, and both together making a double drain on the vitality of the leacher. More than this there are hundreds of children roaming the streets for whom there is no school room at all. Washington is not alone in this difficulty. New York and other cities are suffering in the same way. But it ought to be swept

away, and that speedily. The most serious danger in this system, or no system, is that the children who lose their schooling are the ones who need it most. It would not matter so much If the children of the well-to-do were Afford to start a private school, could teach | held several conferences with the Span-

would result in more school houses. It is They have only a little education at the most before they are obliged to support themselves; and they have no chance to learn at home; and their parents cannot afford to pay tuition for them anywhere. So they roam the streets; learning all the things children ought not to know, and grow up, some into criminals and vagrants, some into illiterate, superstitious men and women, some into hard-working, keen witted, but hampered members of society. The State owes all children a fair start in life. Every year lost from this brief learning time, to the child of an

Japan and Hawaii.

for growing up wrong.

illiterate home, is a loss that can hardly

be made up by any after advantages. Give

the children a chance, or don't blame them

Admiral Beardslee, with the flagship of our Pacific Squadron, has steamed suddenly away from San Diego, bound for Honolulu, under urgent orders from Washington. Although the fact is not admitted at the departments, there need be little doubt that the mission of our warship has something to do with a very serious condition of affairs on the islands

The Times heretofore has printed the particulars of the strange and ominous Japanese immigration to the Hawaiian republic. Recently the authorities found it necessary to reject and send back to Japan about four hundred of the Mikado's subjects, who illegally were trying to enter the country. This action was calulated to excite the Japanese denizers, who now outnumber every other class, or nationality, and, perhaps, it may be feared that a rising for the purpose of seizing the government has occurred already.

The appexation of Hawaii is too im portant a matter to be much longer delayed. "He who will not when he may; when he will, he shall have, Nav!"

Blockade Means War.

According to official and semi-official European statements, the blockade of a port in Greece will be enforced some time this month. The port selected probably is the Piracus, and a London paper claims to have reliable information that the blockade will begin today. Russia again is suspected of preventing direct negotiations between the Sultan and King George. War will be declared as soon as the blockading begins.

On the Island of Crete the situation remains unchanged. Col. Vassos is in control of the interior, and the admirals are emulating the bad faith and cowardly cruelty of their Turkish allies. Altogether, the position of affairs in Eastern Europe is becoming monotonous.

Truth About the Treaty.

What is left of the Olney-Pauncefote arbitration treaty is hardly worth the price of a coffin. If finally ratified in its present form, it is doubtful if the President will do anything with it but to act as "funeral director" in the premises, and give it free sepulture in a pigeon-hole. Should be see fit to pass it along, we do not believe that Sir Julian Pauncefote will thank him for his trouble, or that Lord Salisbury will accept it in any sense. Both of these distanguished Britishers, if they mention the matter at all, will do so in terms of reproach, not to say profamity. To the former, in its original form, it meant a peerage; in its present one, it only amounts to a cruel joke

This monumental piece of British effrontery and American trenchery was deinserance hatched for sundry and diverse in the interests of Great Britain and its subjects. The way for it was carefully preamanged, and public sentiment, nampulated in advance, with the the simulated bluster and truculence of that episode: which, however, did not fool anytods but the American people for a time, because that herce menace and all the Venezuelau play were as much a part of the Salishary-Cleveland program, as was the arbitration treaty, to which everything else was planned to lead up. The whole scheme has failed in every particular, except in bringing everlasting disgrace upon the few. American participators in the attempt. Their conduct in the matter will appear even blacker than it now dees, if the inside facts should happen to secure ventilation in the future. On that point we may have something to say hereafter

As the despicable instrument reads after its heroic knifing by Senators Morgan, Daniel, Mills and a few others, all the sting and poison appears to be out of it. Except by special agreement, all differences which in the opinion of either power affect materially its honor, or its domestic or foreign policy, are withheld from arbitration. The came is true as to all questions concerning the vitality or interpretation of previous treaties; and all agreements under the arbitration system will have to pass the Senate by a two-thirds vote, before be oning hinding upon the United States A separate tribunal is constituted for each separate case, the American arbitrators to be nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate.

The Monroe doctrine is out of it, the Clayton-Bulwer treaty and the Nicaraugua Canal. Probably something else is out which originally was in, but well covered. The jig is up! If the treaty is ratified it will simply amount to a declaration of the principle that when we have differences with England and do not want to fight, we will settle them by arbitration if we want to, and not otherwise.

The Fate of Gen. Rivera.

All hope that the life of Major Gen. Ruis Rivera might be spared appears to have vanished. The drumhead court-martini in his case was expected to pass judgment yesterday. In that case he would be confined, with a confessor for companion, for twenty-four hours, and would be shot today or Sunday morning.

There is hardly a shadow of doubt that he was betrayed into the hands of Weyler, That miscreant sent commissioners to his camp, ostensibly to submit the scheme of reforms proposed by Spain; but one of them, unquestionably for the purpose of preparing a trap for the patriot chieriain. crowded out of school. Their parents could This man, on leaving Gen. Rivera's lines,

them at home, or could make a protest that | ish commander Velasco, and gave him the information upon which the surprise and different with the children of the poorest. capture were effected. The whole story is of a piece with Weyler's entire course of cowardice, cracity and infamy.

> Judging from a variety of reports on the subject the Republican leaders in the Senate intend to cut up the tariff bill so that Mr. Dingley would not know it. They have discovered fast enough that, in its present form, the measure would defeat and not produce revenue, and they propose to make it more of a revenue bill. They have seen, too, that there is nearly umversal indignation over the unconcealed trust conspiracy made manifest in the text, and they will try to smooth that down a little. They are inclined to allow themselves until July for the revision. Then

> Senator Mason came to Washington "red hot for the arbitration treaty." The debate on the measure has turned him into an unrelenting opponent of the measure. The Senator regrets the fact that the discussion could not have been with open doors, as he regards it as one of the greatest parfiamentary debates in the history of the country.

In a recent article in the Helena, Mont., Independent, Capt. Ahern of the army, takes strong ground in defense of the timber reservations. He states that Montana has a timber area of 17,000,000 acres. Each year, what with lumber companies, fires and private destruction, bet ween three and four hundred thousand acres of this resource is exhausted, and practically there is no second growth. Agriculture already suffers from the deforestation of the stream heads and water sheds; and merely as a question of timber supply, the forest will be exhausted in less than forty years, unless something is done to conserve and replant them.

If the admirers of President McKinley don't stop talking about his Democratic ways, they will forget who elected him.

Nansen is now ready to go and hunt up ome more reasons for not reaching the pole.

Mr Evarts used to exercise himself by sitting on his hat, they say. Five gentlemen of famous name are now here, taking exercise by growing up to their fathers'

The love of money may be the root of all evil, but Mr Rockefeller is willing to delve deep for that root and dig it up.

Chicago and St. Louis, it is said, have found a common ground at last. Probably

The Mississippi is a good old liver, but R does make some awful breaks.

OVER A HUNDRED YEARS OLD.

Uncle Noah Raby Claims to Have Heard Washington Speak.

New Bronswick, April 2 - "Uncle" Noah Ruby selebrated his one hundred and twenty-fifth birthday in his room at the Piscataway township poorhouse. There is no actual proof that he has reached this age, but er life, says he was a very old man a constortable majority. when she was a child.

Raby says he has smoked since he was six years old, and drank whisky whenever His father, he says, was an Indian and his mother a white. He het his sight many years ago
"I was born in Eatonlown, N. C.," he

subdicatay, "on April 1, 1772. My father's between Terry and Halley is largely imag-name was Andrew Bass and my mother's inary. No one seems to know less about nucle of pine poles, plastered with maid. cears, when I went to work for a woman Some years later I shipped on the frigate Constitution, and if I had not lost my discharge papers. I could prove to you that I am 125 years old. I remember caring Gen. Washington speak in Nor-

red a Paptist for forty years. He is some at bent and not very strong, but in ate of this, and his blindness, he takes s walk in the grounds every day, and is delignized to talk to visitors.

WESTERN UNION DIVIDEND.

Russeil Sage Favors Four Per Cent Unless Business Improves.

New York, April 2.—Russell Sage said eday regarding Western Union matters Unless business improves considerably I hall certainly favor the reduction of the Western Union dividend to a 4 per cent busis I am not in favor of paying out noney for dividends that are not earned. "It is better to accept conditions as they are than to be bullheaded against Conservative action now will be greatly to the company's benefit in the ature. I expect and believe there is a better time coming, but it will come slowly.

A Convict Editor.

Concord, N. H., April 2 - Dr. J. C. Moure, ormerly owner and editor of the Manhester Union, who was convicted nearly a ear ago of having fraudulently issued stock of his company, and used it as security for loans, after having consumed the intervening time in various efforts to arrest adgment, was yesterday conveyed to the State penitentiary to serve out a sentence of four years. This was the penalty of the first conviction, two other trials havng gone against him, but without sen-It is believed the other indictments-ten or twelve in all-will not be pressed. Moore, although the wrecker of national bank, and a trust company, by which large sums were lost, was tected from prosecution by powerful infuences, which were believed to have shared in his speculations, but on the comparatively trivial charge, justice became

Terrific Powder Explosion.

stern and unyielding

Shamokin, Pa., April 2.—An explosion last night wrecked the dryhouse of the Shanokin Powder Company, four niles west of here. The shock was felt for many miles. The barn of David Haun, a farmer, living near the scene of the explo sion, in some manner caught on fire and was entirely destroyed. All the cattle were burned to death. His residence is in half and damaged beyond repair The family miraculously escaped injury.

Husband and Wife Sent to Prison. Grand Rapids, Mich., April 2.-Harry P. Wilson was sentenced to five years in Jackson prison, and his wife to seven years' imprisonment at the Detroit House of Correction, in the superior court here today. They were convicted of cruelly illtreating their little five-year-old adopted daughter, Ada.

CAPITOL GOSSIP.

The Presidential nominations are get ting to be more and more of a chestnut shower. Every batch that is sent in contains the names of a large number of men formerly conflicted with the public service. In yesterday's short list there were two men—Gen. W. F. Draper and Chandler Hale-who had not previously received a Presidential appointment. Butterworth White, Spaulding, Howell and Johnson are all "ex's." Some of them are very good men, but the officeseekers regard them as cases of burr-opening, and begin to wonder why the President has become such a persistent relic-hunter.

It is evident that for the first time th American government is to be represented abroad by a diplomatic corps bearing some resemblance in experience and reputation with those of European countries. Hardly a man has yet been named for high diplomatic station who has not before teen distinguished in the government ser vice, many of them under the State Departmentitseff. Thus the chestnut carnival which the President is holding presents at least one distinct quality of merit.

was an exceedingly dall third with which Dennis Flynn struck the dull and yellow Okloboma earth yesterday. The ex-Delegate has long been severely confident that he would be chosen the Terri-torial governor, but last night he learned the heavy news that the President was enamored of one of his rivals and meant to advance one C. M. Banes, of Guthrie, a carpet-tagger from Arkansas, to the governorship.

"By the way," said Representative Hugh Dinsmore, of Arkansas, "have you noticed that the native Southern Republican es not seem to be in it? This is particularly noticeable in Arkansas. Every nomination yet made has gone to one of the imported variety of Republican statesmen. Apparently only the carpet-baggers are in with thenew Administration. From what hear from home I am convinced that it is going to prove exceedingly unpopular,

The renomination of Gen. O. L. Spauldng, to be Assistant Secretary of the Tressury, has been received with general approval that has not been confined to his party associates. During his long public career he has made many friends nong Democrats as well as Republicans, and the manner in which he discharged the trying duties of his office as Assistant Secretary under President Harrison gave him a high standing in the munity throughout the coun

Hon. Thomas W. Palmer, ex-Senator and x-president of the World Columbian Com ion, is in the city and was a caller at the Capitol and White House yes Senator Palmer is in excellent health and spirits, and chatted cheerily with The Times about men and things. He says that he is not a candidate for any offic in the gift of the President. He is much pleased that his friend, General Alger, has been recognized by advancement to the position of Secretary of War, and is confident that the general will make or the best secretaries that has yet filled this office. Speaking of the municipal ejection, which occurs in Detroit next Monday, Senator Paimer says that he believes the Republican candidate, Captain Stewari, will be elected, although onintedly by a reduced majority from those of recent years. The Democratic candidate is ex-Congressman William C. Mayburg, an old time acquaintance and friend of Schalor Palmer. He speaks highly of the personal character of the Democratic nce, but says he has no doubt that the natural Republican majority and the he stoutly maintains that he was born known preponderence of Pingree scutt-on April 1, 1772, and Miss Matilda Den-ment in Detoit will unite to bring about man, of this city, who has known him all | the election of the Republican candidate by

Now it is reported that there is no controversy whatever between Representative Terry and Mr. Bailey, the young and en thusbastic leader of the De nority. Lake the reported differences be tween Bryan and Sara Raby. I never learned to write, but the alleged Terry-Bailey controversy than was taught to read from the Old Testas the intimate friends of these gentlemen. that Congressman Terry has bad no idea At seven years of age I was bound out of appearing as in any sense criticising

Don M. Dickinson, of Michigan, is at the Hotel Arlington closing up his work as counsel for the American Government in the rehearing of the Bering just closed at Vancouver. Mr. Dickinson appeared as coupsel in the effort of the Government to materially reduce the to tals of the finding of the joint bruh arbi tration commission of the two countries He made a gallant fight to bring about this result, but it is not yet apparent now far he succeeded, although his presentation or the claims of the Government was an elaborate one.

The silver Republicans are preserving helr organization with a great deal of sathuslasm. The two most active and comment men in this movement are Senater Fred T. Dubois of Idaho, and x-Representative Charles A. Towne of Minnesota. Both were numbered among the shiring marks which death in the late campaign. Now both gentle-men are actively enlisted in the work of building up and maintaining an inde-pendent Republican silver organization or the temporary national committee, Mr. Towne is the chairman, Senator Dubois expresses no doubt whatever that from this day the silver cause will grow with every local and State election.

Senator Stewart of Nevada makes no secret of his bitter hostility to the arbi-tration treaty. He does not think it has been improved, especially by the much-adbeen improved, especially by the much advertised amendments, which the Senate has made. "Oh!" he said yesterday, "they have tinkered with the thing, but they have come a long ways from taking the devil out of it." The Senator believes that the people are opposed to the whole prin-ciple of compulsory arbitration. "Fight-ing is a good thing, sometimes," he says "There has been no progress in govern ment or no extension of the liberties of people that was not most largely to be accredited to war. Why should we surrender our commanding position in this hemisphere and our high rank among the nations of the world? Nothing maintains us in this position except our great prestige, backed by the enormous armles, which it is known we can bring into the field." The Senator is hopeful that the entire arbitration treaty may be rejected, and believe it will be a good thing for the country if this should be the result of the prolonged tiscussion of the measure in the Senate.

Col. E. S. Plerce, the new assistant sergeant-at-arms of the Hor ing into a popular wielder of the all-potent mace. His celebrated predecessor, the moted and irreverent Col. Isaac R. Hill, of Ohio, calls this particular evidence of Con-gressional authority "the silver goose" Co Pierce was a gailant officer in the Union Army, and promises to make an adnarable officer in the new position to which he has been advanced.

Prosperity Getting Here.

(From the Philadelphia Record.) A mysterious airship is said to be floating over Omaha, and it is barely possible that Prosperity is coming by the mir line. | sale by Charles A. Clark, Soldiers' Home.

MR. BAILEY'S DRESS SUIT. President McKinley's Ruling as to Any Old Coat.

A vacant chair and six little neck clams a melted ice marked the place at the Presidential table which was to have been filled last evening by Representative Bailey of Texas. It was the occasion of the stag party given by His Execulency to the Ways and Means Committee and several other distinguished gentlemen, among them being the Vice President, Speaker Reed, the Attorney General, and Senators Burrows, Gear, and Mills.

It was one of the most important of all

he social functions yet held at the White House. The President officially announced to at least one of the invited guests that a swallow tail coat is not de rigeur on such occasions; and one of the guests stated to the President that the preservation of the traditions of Texas in respect to evening dress were of more historical importance than the inchoate joys of a wineless femat The guests had assembled a few minutes

before the horn blew for the stags in the private dining-room of the Executive Manon. Mr. Dingley, who tolls not, neither does he spin much out of the Congressional Record, was there arrayed like the dutiable rose of Sharon and the ad valorem hiv of the valley, Mr. Grosvenor was there near ing the beams of the patriarch on the rest of the Sanherdim, and Mr. McLaurin, of South Carolina, was there also accoutered in the "customary suit of black," and a gorgeous pink carnation. South Carolina it should be noted, is much nearer Alexmitria thair Texas, and the dress cout is therefore beginning to be quite common in the Palmetto State pinelands, and especially in the alluvial lands of the Great Pec lice Mr. Reed always looks well in a coat, the front half of which does not exist at all, and Senator Mills, who has been North so long that he has in some sense lost his Texas steer, looked also quite au fait in the regulation article, including the vest and the chrysantnemun

Mr. Reed looked over the House, and his lammergeier eye saw that a quorum was absent. "Where is Mr. Bailey?" quired Mr. Reed affectionately. "I don't know," said Mr. McMinn. Then it occurred to the vice president that the president also was missing, and the guests isgan to bok at each other to see if they were all really there. Attorney General McKenna was not used to this kind of essembling for dinner in San Francis and he was plainly introspective and visitity and auditor silent. Mr. Hobart, however who had been to similar banquets in Hoboken, had an idea what was the matter, and merely twinkled and twinkled his eye and looked wise. In the meanwhile the ice was melting, like Dolly Madison's spoons, and every now and then a little-neck claim was beard to founder

and hit the bottom of its plate.

By and by the sound of debate floated a through the lattice door behind which the President and Mr. Balley were holding an executive session, Mr. Bailey wore a write necktie and a black suit of some free woolen material. His waistooat was not low-necked; it was burtoned up to the top shirt button, and his coat was also ultoned with considerable severity down to the most southerly button. The only point of resemblance between Mr. Balley and the President was that they have both recently had a hair-cut and a clean shave. The President's shirt front was like that over which shot the eye of Mars, or the flatiron of local Chinese labor. His coat fell right and left to his hips and then receded, out of deferer occasion. He also wore a Brid Mr. Balley was not decorated, otherwise Nobody knows exactly what took place

behind the screen, but everybody heard the President say: "Well, goodnight, Mr. Builey, to which Mr. Bailey said distinctly, "Au revolt, Mr. President," in the French which is now quite common in Galveston. When the President eventually sat down and asked Mr. Gosvenerte saygrace, which he did say from memory, Mr. Dingley me a list of everything and everybody that ought to come out or go in, entured to ask the President what was

the matter with Mr Halley. "Ob," sold the president cheerily, "Mr. Balley never appears at such functions as these in a dress coat or an evening suit. personde him that the dress suit was not a sine qua non, or, in common parlauce, that any old coat would do, but he was obdurate. I failed to get him in, and he has gone, much to my regret."

This was all the information that could be obtained in the neighborhood of the White House, but it is said that several of the gentlemen were offended because the President said, after evidently looking over his guests, that "any old coat would do-Mr. finitey was called on and asked what he had to say about the matter which gave rise to all sorts of runiors as to why he shook the stags so early in the game. He said that it wasn't worth taking about. He simply didn't care to wear a dress suit, or an evening suit, and he went up and informed the president that he would not be present and told him of the cause of his intended absence from the feast Mr. Bailey did not say so, but it can be stated on authority that the president made no such overture that the guests would be asked to go home and put on "any old coat" and return, if Mr. Falley

ould consent to remain. This can be stated on the authority of no less a personage than Mr. Porter. The banquer was reported this morning to have been, with this exception, a great success. The private dining-room was decorated very handsomely, and they all had a good time. Those present were the President, the Vice President, the Those present were Speaker of the House, the Attorney Gen-eral, Senator Burrows, Senator Gear, Senator Mills, Representatives Dingley, Payne Dalzell, Hopkins, Grosvenor, Russell of Connecticut, Dolliver, Steele, Johnson of North Dakota, Evans, Tawney, McMillin Wheeler of Alabama, McLaurin, Robert son of Louisiana, Swanson, Cannon, Henderson, and Hon. William A. Hussell.

A Wise Suggestion. Assistant-There seems to be no news

from Constantinople. Editor-No? Well, suppose we say that "it is reported on good authority that the sultan has requested the representatives of the powers to take a day off"-Puck.

A Precise Description. (From Puck.) Bottle Holder-How did yer feel w'en he landed de knock-out blow on yer?

Defeated Punitist-Aw, rats!-don't say i word-I felt jes' like de Spanish army after a victory. The Poet's Reward. (From the Atlanta Constitution.)

The North knows how to treat her poets If they have been real good for seventy years, she gives them a dinner and makes a congratulatory speech to them.

"Rhymes of the Kings and Queens of England," by Mary Leslie, is a new publica-tion from the press of William Briggs, Toronto. It contains a wholesome and graphic account of the personality and reign of each sovereign, from the Norman conquest down to the reign of Queen Victoria. It has numerous illustrations and is especially adapted for young per ple, enabling them to more readily under-stand English history. This book is for

TO AID A BLIND DEAF MUTE.

Fund Being Raised to Help a Wo

derful Little Lady. New York, April 2 - Literary people in this city are trying to raise the sum of \$50,000, to aid Helen Keiler, the wonder ful blind deaf mute, who will soon enter Radeliffe College for Women, an sanex to Harvard. The movement in behalf of Mass Keller was started only a month ago, but nearly half the desired sum has been guaranteed. It is for the use of Miss Keller and her teacher, and at their deat the income is to revert to some benevolent nstitution

Miss Keiler is seventeen years old. She a the daughter of an editor, of Tuscumbia Ala. When she was eighteen months old she was stricken with a long and wasting illness, that, on her recovery, left her blind, deaf and dumb. But she became possessed of a wonderfully acute perceptive faculty, which she names "the powe

of feeling with my soul." When Helen was seven years old, Miss Sullivan, a teacher in the Wright-Rumason School for the Deaf and Dumb, at No. 42 West Seventy-sixth street, this city, was engaged for her. She is now periectly equainted with the English, German, and French languages.

Miss Sullivan also succeeded in teaching her pupil to articulate. Miss Keller, after a long training under Miss Sullivan, passed all the entrance requirements for Badeliffe College. When she goesthere Miss Sullivan will accompany her.

EMPIRE STATE OF THE SOUTH Judge Emory Speer's Opinion of

Georgia's Soil and Climate. Judge Emory Speer, of Georgia, is in the city attending to legal matters of a per

Judge Speer does not talk as freely on public matters as he did some years ago. when he represented a Georgia Congressions district. He said the South was prosperous.

Mr. H. M. Comer," said he, "the presideat of the Georgia Central, who has mad the condition of our farming population a special study for many years, told me a few days ago that the farmers in Georgia are more prosperous than they have been

"I think that is true. They are now, in large measure, producing their own food supplies, and our royal staple, cotton, is a surplus money crop. "Of course," said Judge Speer, "Georgia

is the Empire State of the South, but other Southern States are also prospering In riding through upper South Carolina on the Southern Railway, new and large cotton factories are nimost continually in view.

"The people of Aggusta, in my State, sny, and I think with justice, that their factories have kept them from feeling the hard times. Our future is, indeed, hope ful. The State is giving great attention to common school education "I am sure that in the near future the

country will be satisfied that the fairest opportunity for safe, profitable investme specially for rural homes, with every comfort, a fertile soil, and a healthful clican give, are to be found in Georgia and other Southern States." Judge Speer holds the United States

court at Macon. Augusta, and Savannah. and he has ample opportunities to know the facts of which he speaks.

SUED BY A COMPOSITOR. T. A. Rhodes Wants Damages from

ex-Public Printer Benedict. Thomas E Benedict, who was Public Frinter till yesterday, was sued yesterday by T. A. Rhodes, a compositor, for \$300 damages. The suit was brought before Justice of the Peace Mills. No bill of pariculars was filed, but it is alleged that the plaintiff bases his claim on the of document from the Government Printing Office in 1894 in violation of civil service roles. Mr. Enodes intends to test the legality and force of that clause of the civil service which exacts that preference shall be shown to ex-Union soldle matter of appointments. After his disharge he stead a civil service examination. was duly certified and appointed.

Mr. Benedict had not been served with a summous to defend the suit up to minight, last night. He was inclined to discredit the statement that surt had been entered. He did not know Rhodes; die in, or discharged from the Governmen Physics had an actionable cause in that the civil service law had not been to the Government Printing Office in Mr. Benedict was willing to meet the

ommitted injustice against Mr. Rhodes A Novel Attempt at Suicide. San Francisco, Cal., April 2 .- Frank But ler, who is necused of having committee dozen or more nurders in New Sout Wales and elsewhere, made a clumst and unsuccessful attempt to take his own life this morning. With a sharp finger may he tried to sever an artery in his temple,

but managed to cut only a shallow gash

from which he lost considerable blood

before the guards became aware of his

The Troubies of the Three Friends. Jacksonville, Fla., April 2. - The Govern ment scored a point in the United States ourt this morning in one of the cas ing against the steamer Three Friends as the court overroled the exceptions of the chalmants to the libel in which the vessel is on her trip from this port September 2.

Death of a Naturalist.

San Piego, Cal., April 2 - Prof. N. B Miller, general assistant naturalist, United morning aboard the U. S. S. Albatross, at present in this harbor.

Attacked With a Knife. Mand Walker attacked Minnie Davis with

a knife last night in a disreputable hous at No. 305 Thirteenth street, and inflicted several dangerous wounds on ber tend and face. Both women are colored.

Escaped Prisoner Recaptured. John Williams, the negro burglar, who yesterday morning, after an exciting chase was recaptured last night in Alexandria

by Detective Helan and Policeman N. R.

Herndon.

The Bishop Confirmed Forty. Bishop Satterice last night administered infirmation to a class of forty at Trinity P. E. Church, Third and C streets north-

Whisky Arithmetic.

"Thus is one peculial thing about whi "What is that, cubnell" asked Majo

whisky at a time is enough ful any man, two drinks too much, and three drinks t of half enough."-Judge-A Suggestion to the Queen,

"Why, suh, it is odd that one drink of

(From the Chicago Record.) Queen Victoria is going to visit Willia Waldorf Astor. It is to be hoped that the queen will not insist on sitting out on William Waldorf's front steps, for William Waldorf disapproves of such

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